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Ms. Christine J. Boote
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act, request EPA-HQ-2013-007145

Dear Ms. Boote:

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on June 6, 2013, seeking information relating to the agency's determination that the Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. emissions averaging approach meets the equivalency provisions in MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 4 as stated in the August 8, 2012 letter from the United States Coast Guard (and co-signed by the Environmental Protection Agency) to Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. The information was sent to you on July 10, 2013 from Mr. Mike Samulski of my staff via email. There is no charge for this information as allowed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, when such charges are less than \$14.00.

You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Tanya Meekins", is positioned above the typed name.

Tanya Meekins
FOIA Coordinator
Office of Transportation and Air Quality